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1. Amizade

Special, 2012

Introduction

Amizade has been empowering individuals and communities through worldwide service and learning since 1994.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Amizade's programmes encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships through the organizations 16 community partnerships and seek to encourage global citizenship among the nearly four hundred students, faculty and volunteers who have partnered with the organization.

Significant changes in the organization

Amizade has added community partnerships in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to its membership.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Amizade works to empower youth and support their opportunities to learn, and to empower and support women in developing countries through various projects and partnerships. Amizade's programmes include: Community-Driven Service, Deliberate Learning, Intercultural Immersion and Exchange, Consideration of Global Citizenship, and Reflective Inquiry.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives participated at the 51st session of the Commission for Social Development.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Among many activities, Amizade has:

- pioneered a Fair Trade Learning model which recognises that individuals should be offered fair working conditions and compensation, hold significant voice in programming and be offered professional development opportunities.
- Organised youth summer camps and afterschool programming in Petersfield, Jamaica.
- established youth leadership development programmes in Bolivia and Peru.
- provided education for at-risk youth in Northern Ireland.
- conducted creative learning and critical thinking camps in Tanzania.

- constructed a library and community computer resource centre in Ghana.
- constructed a high school, community centre, and building improvements in rural Bolivia.
- supported a centre for youth with disabilities in Bolivia.
- partnered with the DORCAS women's group in Trinidad and Tobago and house mother collectives in Jamaica.

2. Amnesty International

Special, 1964

Introduction

Amnesty International (AI) is a movement of over 7 million supporters in 150 countries working to end violations of human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AI undertakes research and action focused on preventing and ending grave violations of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments, addresses governments, intergovernmental organizations and other stakeholders and urges governments to abide by their human rights obligations and commitments.

Significant changes in the organization

AI launched regional hubs in Mexico City, Nairobi, Hong Kong SAR of China, Johannesburg, and Dakar.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AI's main contribution to the work of the United Nations is submission to human rights bodies, information about human rights in relation to country situations and thematic issues, including maternal health/sexual and reproductive rights; counter-terrorism; housing; water/ sanitation; international justice; torture/ill-treatment; extrajudicial killings; freedom of expression and assembly; discrimination; refugee and migrant rights, and corporate accountability.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AI attends, actively participates and contributes to discussions in various United Nations fora, addressing such priorities as: human rights in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); human rights in peacekeeping mandates; global abolition of the death penalty; women's human rights; rights of the child; rights of Indigenous Peoples; encouraging veto restraint in the Security Council; a more effective Human Rights Council; treaty bodies strengthening; and new Special Procedures.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

AI regularly submits statements to the Human Rights Council and information to treaty bodies, Special Procedures and the Universal Period Review (UPR). AI contributes to studies and consultations of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AI advocated for the inclusion of human rights in the Post-2015 Agenda by participating and organising side events.

3. Apne Aap Women World Wide (India) Trust

Special, 2012

Introduction

Apne Aap Women Worldwide Trust (A2W2) is an anti-sex trafficking organization, started in 2002, working with the most marginalized, prostituted and at-risk women and girls in India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

A2W2 aims to end sex-trafficking by empowering those trafficked and at-risk and seeks to dismantle the system of prostitution through policy and institutional change.

Significant changes in the organization

A2W2 President was awarded the NGO Woman of Distinction award in 2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A2W2 participated in advocacy that led to General Assembly resolution 68/192 on improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons of 18 December 2013. In August 2015, A2W2 screened the short film 'Meena', to honour the United Nations World Day against Trafficking in Persons. A2W2 members testified before the Justice Verma Committee on Amendments to Criminal Law. In 2015, A2W2 and the Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN) released a report that documents and assesses losses suffered by forcibly evicted families in Topsia in 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2015, the A2W2 President delivered the keynote address at the NGO Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Forum Consultation Day. The organization participated annually in side events at the CSW with organizations with similar mandates.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

In January 2014, A2W2 with 60 other victims/survivors and social justice groups wrote to urge the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) not to use the term 'sex-work' formally, and in May 2015 A2W2 representatives met with UN-Women, to ask UN-Women to issue policy recommendations through a broad-based consultative process.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- A2W2 established the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidayalaya (KGBV) residential school for girls, reserving 50% of its seats for girls at-risk of prostitution.
- In 2015, a primary school in Najafgarh was adopted with the aim to empower girls involved in and at-risk of inter-generational prostitution.
- A2W2 ran bridge and remedial classes, craft workshops, among other activities in Forbesganj (Bihar), Delhi and Kolkata.
- A2W2 participated in legislative advocacy that resulted in the passage of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2013, which for the first time included trafficking as a criminal offense in the Indian Penal Code.
- In 2013, A2W2 started the 'Cool Men Don't Buy Sex' campaign.
- In 2014, in response to a writ petition filed by A2W2, the High Court of Bihar pronounced a comprehensive judgment which addresses sex-trafficking.
- In 2015, A2W2 served as NGO engagement partner for Priya's Shakti, a graphic novel featuring a heroine fighting to end gender-based sexual violence.
- The published the monthly newsletter Red Light Despatch featuring writings by survivors and activists, and to hold talks at its Feminism Beyond Boundaries and Terrace Talks forums with the aim of raising awareness about intersecting inequalities.

4. Architects for Peace

Special, 2012

Introduction

Architects for Peace Inc. (API) is an independent multidisciplinary forum of planners, architects, urban designers, landscape architects, engineers, environmentalists and artists working in the public domain.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organisation aims to empower spatial practitioners and local citizens to contribute to the development of urban spaces that are planned, designed and used in the interests of social equity and environmental protection.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2014, API focussed on the development and publication of a new strategic plan.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organisation actively sourced and circulated information from and about spaces of urban conflict, environmental degradation and housing issues across the globe; monitored urban development, particularly government policy decisions, processes, laws and management; campaigned against those that threaten equitable access to public space; held public talks and film screenings on issues of social justice in the built environment in collaboration with the Centre for Cultural Partnerships at the Victorian College of the Arts; and published editorials and news reflecting on socially equitable and sustainable development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

API presented at two of the Red Pacto Global Chile (United Nations Global Compact) conferences on sustainable cities "Ciudades Sostenibles: ¿Cómo impulsar el potencial de las regiones?" for the identification of the problems and shortcomings of cities and to propose a development plan.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Architects for Peace facilitated the practice of design for the public good, connecting practitioners with not-for-profit organisations in need, through a pro bono architecture programme, notably the Ligingi Community Centre, Uganda.

5. Asia Crime Prevention Foundation

General, 2000

Introduction

Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF) was established in 1982 to promote sustainable development, peace and stability in Asia and the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACPF aims to promote collaborative action-orientated research and information exchange for more effective crime prevention and criminal justice policies and practices and mutual co-operation in line with United Nations norms and guidelines.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACPF has participated in the prevention of and the fight against corruption, raising public awareness and promoting cooperation between law enforcement agencies and relevant private entities, in line with the United Nations Convention against Corruption. ACPF supported the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders' (UNAFEI's) courses, seminars and projects covering such themes as "Effective Measures for Combating: (1) Corruption; (2) Cybercrime; (3) Illicit Drugs; and (4) Human Trafficking", as well as for speedy and efficient criminal trials, protection for victims of crime and treatment of offenders.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, ACPF attended all sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice; all sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs; the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (2012); and the sixth (2012) and seventh (2014) sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the numerous side events. It also attended the regular sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and meetings of its Second, Third and Sixth Committees; the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons (2013); the High-Level General Assembly Thematic Debate on Integrating Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in the Post-2015 Development Agenda (2015); and substantive and organizational sessions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and of its functional commissions, such as the Commission on Social Development and Commission on the Status of Women. Additionally, ACPF attended the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

ACPF supported United Nations Asia and Far East Institute (UNAFEI) by (1) defraying costs of its regular international training and seminar courses; (2) providing financial assistance for various seminars and projects; and (3) bearing the expenses for the 50th Anniversary of UNAFEI and the 30th Anniversary of ACPF held jointly at the Ministry of Justice, Japan. During the annual UNAFEI International Training Course on the Criminal Justice Response to Corruption (UNCAC Training Programme), ACPF had a special session to discuss the current situation of corruption and countermeasures to the causes of corruption with course participants from 12 to 21 countries and the representatives of Global Compact Network Japan. ACPF also co-organized the public lectures by visiting experts for the UNCAC Training Programme.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

6. Asia-Japan Women's Resource Centre

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Asia-Japan Women's Resource Centre (AJWRC) was founded in 1995 to facilitate discussion and action on gender justice for women in Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AJWRC aims to end all forms of violence and discrimination against women, promote human rights and social justice, and empower women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AJWRC organized seminars, workshops, and other public events annually, disseminated information on the internet and published journals in Japanese and English on gender equality and women's rights. It took part in campaigns for domestic worker's rights of migrant women; for meaningful participation of civil society in developing Japan's National Action Plan for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security; and in national and regional dialogue on the 20th year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action by participating in the Asia-Pacific NGO Forum and holding seminars on Beijing+20. AJWRC also advocated for strengthening national machinery for gender equality; organized workshops and produced material on women's poverty and labour issues; advocated for gender equality and women's rights in the post 2015 development agenda and organized a series of seminars on sexual-minorities and women with disabilities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AJWRC submitted a report on the women's rights situation in Japan for the second Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Japan to the Human Rights Council. It observed the 14th Session of the UPR Working Group and contributed to the joint NGO Gender Report for the compilation of the List of issues for the 3rd periodic report of Japan on the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR). AJWRC's representatives participated in the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and organised a debriefing session on Beijing+20.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- During the reporting period, AJWRC ran a campaign on gender-based violence and foreign military bases with protests against sexual assault cases in Okinawa, media interviews, launched a campaign website and published materials.
- AJWRC actively participated in joint NGO campaigns for justice for victims of Japanese military sexual slavery with symposia and protests against disparaging statements made by Japanese public officials.
- AJWRC organized seminars on gender-based violence in Japan, the Kingdom of Cambodia, Guatemala, Hong Kong, SAR of China and the Republic of the Philippines.
- AJWRC participated in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence and Militarism with several events and held workshops on gender equality and women's rights while travelling cross-country using a self-made "Gender Education Kit".

7. Asian Consultancy on Tobacco Control

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Asian Consultancy on Tobacco Control (ACTC) is a non-profit, regional organisation established in 1989 in response to the alarming increase of tobacco use in Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACTC aims to facilitate information-sharing, experience and expertise on tobacco control amongst countries in the Asia-Pacific region, in particular working with governments in developing comprehensive national tobacco control policies, especially laws and tobacco tax.

Significant changes in the organization

ACTC membership now includes countries in the Middle East.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACTC spoke at numerous international and regional conferences; co-authored several health atlases to support tobacco control including the Tobacco Atlas (4th and 5th editions) and the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) Atlas; participated in the 15th and 16th World Conference on Tobacco or Health in multiple capacities, including as Plenary speaker, Chair, Discussant and as part of the Declaration Committee. The organisation sat on many international boards and committees, such as the Asia-Pacific Association for the Control of Tobacco (APACT), the Kadoorie study in China and the Advisory Body for the Framework Convention on Global Health; was a consultant to the Department of Health and the

Council on Smoking and Health in Hong Kong, SAR of China and a Patron of Clear the Air, Oxford Centre for International Health Research. ACTC was a member of the Non-communicable Disease Alliance (NCD Alliance) to support achievement of the targets of the 2011 United Nations High Level Meeting on non-communicable diseases, and participated in annual WHO World No Tobacco Day observances.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACTC was invited to: participate at the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) Expert level meeting to promote South-South and Triangular Cooperation; attend the 5th and 6th sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC; and attend and speak at the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Committee Meeting.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

ACTC works to support the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

8. Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development

Special, 2004

Introduction

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia) is a membership-based regional human rights organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Forum works to promote and protect all human rights including the right to development through collaboration and cooperation among human rights defenders and organizations in Asia.

Significant changes in the organization

The Forum now has 58 member organisations from 19 countries in South Asia, Southeast and Northeast Asia, and has added staff in Jakarta to facilitate engagement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and in Kathmandu to engage with efforts to build a regional human rights mechanism for South Asia.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Forum contributed to the advancement of the human rights agenda through advocacy, capacity building and networking initiatives for the protection

and promotion of human rights on the ground. Training and documentation initiatives contributed to empowering Asian human rights defenders and organisations to effectively engage with United Nations human rights mechanisms such as the Human Rights Council and its Universal Periodic Review, Special Procedures, and Treaty Bodies. In 2015, as part of its 25th anniversary commemorations, the Forum organised a series of civil society consultations on the Future of Human Rights in Asia to discuss protection and promotion of human rights in the context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals. It also held a series of consultations to prepare a civil society submission to the High Level Task Force on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Forum participated in the regular and special sessions, and working group sessions of the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council through written submissions, oral statements and parallel events. It also contributed to the intergovernmental process on strengthening the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Forum was invited to collaborate with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to organise the Roundtable Discussion on "Working together to address civic space in Asia and the Pacific" within the framework of UNDP's new initiative on Supporting Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in Asia-Pacific.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2013 the Forum co-launched an annual training programme called "Glocal Leadership Advocacy in Asia Academy" (GALA Asia) to develop advocacy capacity of Asian stakeholders and facilitate strategic global and local action on key human rights, development and democracy issues as well as related regional and international processes.

9. Asociación de Amigos de las Naciones Unidas

Special, 2012

Introduction

Asociación de Amigos de las Naciones Unidas (ANUE/UNA-Spain), was founded in Barcelona in 1962 and is a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA).

Aims and purposes of the organization

UNA-Spain aims to promote the work of the United Nations, spread knowledge about the United Nations system, and make people aware its values.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Some examples of UNA-Spain's contributions include: the development of a UNA-Spain Peace Prize; a seminar entitled, "Citizen Happiness and Sustainable Development"; a conference about Reform of the United Nations; a course on Protection of Human Rights in the United Nations System; annual commemorations of the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of United Nations Day; a seminar on Responsible investments: companies and international cooperation for development; a side event during the 24th Session of the Human Rights Council entitled, "Femicide and Human Rights"; and a conference on the contribution of the local governments and the Agenda of Sustainable Development of 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

UNA-Spain conducted awareness campaigns and exhibitions to sensitise people and attract their interest on the aims of the United Nations for implementation of the MDGs, as well as the incorporation of the new Agenda 2030. These included a conference on "Responsible Investments: Companies and International Cooperation for Development" (March 2013) and a roundtable on the "Effects of the Economic Crisis on the Implementation of Human Rights" (May 2013).

10. Asociación Regional de Empresas de Petroleo y Gas Natural en Latinoamérica y el Caribe

Special, 1976

Introduction

Founded in 1965, Asociacion Regional de Empresas de Petroleo y Gas Natural en Latinoamerica y el Caribe (ARPEL) is a non-profit association of companies and institutions of the oil, gas and biofuels sector in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ARPEL's mission is to promote industry integration, growth, continuous operational improvement and effective management of environmental and social

issues, and to seek ways to maximize its contribution to sustainable energy development in the region.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ARPEL contributed to the United Nations in various ways: it conducted workshops and courses on plans and preparations for the response to oil spills; compiled best practices in human talent and knowledge management; prepared environmental and social performance standards for the extractive industry; established environmental benchmarking indicators; and focused on business and human rights issues, governance, risk and compliance, and corporate social responsibility.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ARPEL attended the Rio+20 Conference, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) meeting on quality of fuels and atmospheric emissions and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the AVINA Foundation's symposium on climate change.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

ARPEL conducted oil spills contingency planning with the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre for the Wider Caribbean (REMPEITC-Caribbean) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO). ARPEL was a member of the Steering Committee of REMPEITC-Caribbean and the industry focal point for the International Maritime Organization/International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IMO/IPIECA) Global Initiative in Latin America.

ARPEL submitted comments on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Business Reference Guide (2013) and provided United Nations organizations a forum to share their work and expectations from the Latin American and Caribbean oil and gas industry through ARPEL's biannual conferences. ARPEL is also a member of the United Nations Global Compact.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ARPEL co-developed a Regional Energy Agenda to foster collaboration and further energy access and sustainability in the Region; provided tools for governments and industry to measure the level of oil spills preparedness and response at national level; and developed documents for participatory monitoring of socio-environmental management in areas inhabited by indigenous communities.

11. Association for Social and Environmental Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Association for Social and Environmental Development (ASED) is a non-profit organization that targets youth in India to enhance capacity for nature conservation and for planning and accomplishing complex projects.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ASED aims to achieve biodiversity enhancement through public awareness, action research and people's participation.

Significant changes in the organization

ASED expanded to include areas in North Bengal and the National Capital Region in India. Additionally, ASED's funding base increased to include small grants.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ASED worked to support environmental sustainability, gender equality and building resilience among communities that live in areas that are under high risk of climate change-influenced disasters. It made an effort to incorporate disadvantaged social groups into its projects to encourage a spirit of cooperation and foster social connections between all people in the community. ASED carried out knowledge development and capacity enhancement workshops with youth to engender environmental consciousness and the skills needed to transform that consciousness into action in rural and urban environments across India.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ASED submitted statements at the 2013 Economic and Social Council Substantive Session and at the Annual Ministerial Review.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

ASED conducted a Marine and Coastal Education and Awareness Camp for Students through the World Conservation Union/United Nations Development Programme (IUCN/UNDP) project, Mangroves For the Future, with support from the Forestry Department of West Bengal. Students and teachers received hands-on orientation to the biodiversity of the Sundarbans World Heritage Site and training to carry out basic conservation practices in their communities. It also attended a Project Cycle Management workshop organised by IUCN/UNDP to understand proposal design and create reporting mechanisms for youth nature leaders in order to increase the resilience of coastal communities in the Rajnagar block of Odisha.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- ASED provided leadership training to over 600 young women in villages in the Sundarbans Biosphere Reserve with the aim to increase attendance and participation in school and impart leadership and project management skills to give the young women voice in their community.
- ASED developed a participatory model of environmental conservation where the goals, methods and mechanisms of conservation are planned by youth of the local community, with technical support provided in keeping with the goals and objectives identified by the youth.
- Through its school-based environmental conservation projects, ASED has planted over 20,000 trees, created biodiversity registers on two Sundarbans islands, campaigned for cleaner energy, led students to record urban biodiversity and create habitats for urban wildlife in India's major cities.

12. Association for the Prevention of Torture

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT) is an international NGO founded in 1977 to prevent torture and ill-treatment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

APT seeks to ensure respect for the international norms prohibiting torture and to reinforce the means for preventing ill-treatment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, APT promoted universal ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT) and its Optional Protocol (OPCAT); published tools and supported workshops and training for UNCAT ratification; supported national processes on criminalization of torture and cooperated with national partners to develop training curricula and publish guides on anti-torture laws. It hosted an annual Symposium for National Preventive Mechanisms, where specific questions of vulnerability in detention for children (2014) and LGBTI (2015), were examined. On Human Rights Day, 2015, APT co-hosted the exhibition on "Torture, the International Outlaw" in the Visitor's Centre at United Nations Headquarters.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the 68th to the 70th regular sessions of the General Assembly, APT organised side events with the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel,

inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and the Chairpersons of the Committee against Torture and the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture, and advocated for adoption of the bi-annual resolution on torture. In 2015 APT participated in the World Congress of Juvenile Justice and contributed to the session on prevention of institutional violence. In 2014 APT joined a panel on prevention at the Human Rights Council to raise awareness among States of how to reflect better prevention policies and strategies at all levels. In 2012 APT participated in multiple open-ended intergovernmental working group meetings of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Crime Commission, to revise the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

In 2015, APT held briefings with the Committee against Torture on LGBTI in detention, and offered advice on the exclusion of torture-tainted information. APT actively cooperates and supports the work of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and the work of the Special Rapporteur through the regular submission of information prior to in-country visits, and oral and written briefings on draft thematic reports. It has a close partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and has jointly developed tools such as 'A Practical Manual on Monitoring Immigration Detention' (2014) and supporting implementation of UNHCR's Global Strategy-Beyond Detention 2014-2019 by collaborating in the planning and development of networks and capacity-building activities.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- APT collaborated with Member States to launch the 10 year Convention against Torture Initiative in 2014.
- It worked with the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions to reinforce their role and capacity in sustainable human rights development, and to foster a regional dynamic on torture prevention.
- It published 'Women in detention: a guide to gender-sensitive monitoring', in 2013 as part of a package of tools for monitoring bodies.

13. Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas

Special, 2004

Introduction

Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas (AFAMMER) was founded in 1982 to pursue rights and equal opportunities for women living in rural areas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AFAMMER works to improve the situation of women living in rural areas, trying to improve their quality of life and fighting for them to achieve the necessary

conditions for sustainable development with the aim of avoiding the exodus of young women to urban areas.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization focussed the content of its magazine, *Afammer* on United Nations agenda topics, and included reports on the organization's participation in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The Spring 2015 edition of the magazine featured a special report about AFAMMER's I International Congress on "The Voice of Rural Women in the World". AFAMMER also prepared policy statements for the annual observances of International Women's Day, International Day of Rural Women and International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AFAMMER participated in the 56th to the 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

14. Association of the Indigenous Peoples in the Ryukyus

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Association of the Indigenous Peoples in the Ryukyus (AIPR) was established in 1999 to restore the right to self-determination of the Ryukyu Peoples.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization aims to advance, promote and restore the right to self-determination of the Ryukyu peoples in cooperation with indigenous organizations, international organizations and citizens' organizations around the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Under the Early Warning Measures and Urgent Procedures mechanism of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), AIPR submitted an initial and a follow-up report related to the construction of a United States Military base in Okinawa, Japan, in March 2012. It held symposia and study meetings on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in cooperation with the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR) in order to promote understanding of the Declaration. The organization also attended several regional meetings related to Indigenous Peoples and co-organized the 2015 East Asia Regional Meeting of Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AIPR representatives attended the 11th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; the 5th session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; the Global Indigenous Preparatory Conference for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, 2014; the 6th session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

AIPR also attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20); attended and submitted a statement at the 21st session of the Human Rights Council; submitted a written statement to the 111th session of the Human Rights Committee with the NGO Network for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (ERD Net), Japan; attended and submitted a joint statement to the 85th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination with ERD Net, Japan; and participated in the follow-up meetings for the 10th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP10).

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

15. Baltic Sea Forum

Special, 2008

Introduction

Baltic Sea Forum e.V. is a non-profit organization which supports economic, political and cultural co-operation in the Baltic Sea region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Forum is focused on reducing poverty in its countries of operation by transferring knowledge about the profitability of the sustainable transport sector.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Forum participated at the Global Forum on Human Settlements 2013 Global Human Settlements Award Ceremony.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the 50th to the 53rd sessions of the Commission for Social Development and the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. It contributed to the 2013 Civil Society Forum of the Economic and Social Council; was a member of the Steering Committee for the 20-23 March 2013 conference on Advancing the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda; and participated in the High-Level Dialogue on Implementing Rio+20 Decisions on Sustainable Cities and Transport.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

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1. Academy of Mining Sciences

Special, 2004

Introduction

Academy of Mining Sciences (AMS) is an independent scientific and research non-profitable public organization incorporating scientists and experts in the research, development, designing, construction and operation of mineral mining and processing enterprises.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AMS was established to promote the achievements of research and development in the geo-mining sphere. Its aims includes: the creation of innovative technologies for the development of mining deposits and mine construction: to accelerate development of mineral sciences and enhance the scientific and engineering progress; and to raise the efficiency of production in the mineral mining sectors incorporating oil, natural gas and coal industries, mining sector for ferrous and base metal ores, chemical feedstock, construction materials, uranium and rare-earth elements.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AMS has served as vice-chair to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Sustainable Energy Division Ad Hoc Group of Experts (GOE) on Coal Mine Methane. Between 2012 and 2015, AMS served as a member to the GOE on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels. AMS also held a series of workshops to discuss the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific's (ESCAP) publication on "Prospects for cleaner and more efficient coal production and utilization technologies in North-East Asia."

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, representatives regularly attended meetings convened by UNECE on cleaner electricity production from coal and other fossil fuels, as well as coal mine methane management organized in Geneva, Switzerland, as well a meeting held in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 14 and 15 November 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In December 2015, AMS peer reviewed a UNECE publication titled "Methane Management — An Economic Opportunity for Mitigation". In AMS also took part in the second joint review of the ESCAP Working Group on Coal titled "Prospects for Cleaner and More Efficient Coal Production and Utilization Technologies in North-East Asia".

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

2. Beit Issie Shapiro — Amutat Avi

Special, 2012

Introduction

Beit Issie Shapiro (BIS) Amutat Avi is Israel's leading organization promoting the rights, opportunities and services for people with disabilities and impacts over 30,000 people annually.

Aims and purposes of the organization

BIS aims to develop innovative services for children and adults with disabilities and their families; improve service provision between the Israeli Jewish and Arab communities; influence policy and legislation and strive towards change in community by means of training, education, raising awareness and advocacy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

BIS actively participates in the Conferences of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and has organized side events in a number of United Nations' platforms. As a leading coalition of civil society organizations, BIS promotes the implementation of the aforementioned convention in Israel and commemorates international disability days to raise awareness in Israel and abroad.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, BIS has regularly attended meetings of the United Nations and organized side events. This includes participation to the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th session of the Conference of State Parties to the CRPD. Additionally, BIS attended the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) where it presented a side event on empowering women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

BIS organized a roundtable for Israeli organizations with consultative status in coordination with the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) on 6 May 2013. It also contributed to a short film during the United Nations Enable Film Festival which was screened during the International Disability Day event organized at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 3 December 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has supported the following MDGs:

Goal 1: To ensure an inclusive approach towards children with disabilities, this organization leads a coalition of organizations and parents working to change legislation in addition to implementing educational programs to change attitudes in the community.

Goal 3: Through international conferences. BIS raises awareness of professionals, policy makers and communities on improving the quality of life for women with disabilities.

Goal 8: BIS also conducted consultation and training internationally and networked with professionals and organizations worldwide to share best practices.

3. Biovision Stiftung für ökologische Entwicklung

General, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1998, Biovision Stiftung für ökologische Entwicklung (BSOE) aims to sustainably improve life for people in Africa while conserving the environment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

BSOE combats hunger and poverty, promotes ecological thought and is committed to the dissemination and application of ecological methods that sustainably improve living conditions in Africa while also conserving the environment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

BSOE actively supports the work of the United Nations through activities at the national and international level and actively took part in the negotiations in corollary to the Rio+20 conference. BSOE supported the development of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), in particular goal 2, by participating in the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) negotiations on its multi-year programme of work 2014-2015 as well as in the Committee's Open Ended Working Group (OWG) on SDGs. BSOE also contributes to policies for sustainable food systems in Senegal, Kenya and Ethiopia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended 11 of 13 sessions of the OWGs on SDGs in New York convened in 2013 and 2014 as well as various intergovernmental

negotiations including the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA). BSOE also attended the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly in 2013 and the High-level Political Forum in 2014 and 2015 convened in New York, as well as the Development Cooperation Forum symposium organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) held in Montreux, Switzerland on 25 October 2013. Moreover, it contributed to two discussion papers on addressing food and nutrition security in 2014 and 2015 and organized a roundtable on sustainable agriculture in New York on 27 March 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2013 and 2014, BSOE collaborated with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Millennium Institute in the Changing Course in Global Agriculture (CCGA) project which endeavours to reduce rural poverty in Senegal, Kenya and Swaziland. BSOE also contributed to drafting the report of the Secretary-General on Agricultural Technology for Development in 2013 and 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

BSOE's CCGA project aims at improving food security, rural welfare and the sustainable use of natural resources. It has also implemented a range of development initiatives towards the following MDGs:

Goals 1 and 3: Its animal health programme contributed to the introduction of drought-tolerant camels in northern Kenya.

Goals 1 and 7: BSOE's plant health programme focused on biological pest control and sustainable agricultural development in East Africa, and its environmental health programme focused on increased incomes through medicinal plants and production of honey in Kenya and Ethiopia.

Goals 5 and 6: The human health focused on integrated vector control in malaria in Ethiopia and Kenya.

4. Bischöfliches Hilfswerk Misereor

Special, 2004

Introduction

Bischöfliches Hilfswerk Misereor (BHM) was founded in 1958 as an agency to combat hunger and disease. As an overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Germany, BHM supports partner organizations to implement development projects in Asia, Africa and Central and Latin America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

BHM aims at promoting development, fighting poverty, liberating people from injustice, and exercising solidarity with the poor and the persecuted in order to create "one world". BHM's work has two main pillars: helping those who are in

need to lead a life in dignity, and addressing the structural causes of poverty and human rights violations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No activities were specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

BHM attended the 22nd session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) and provided inputs to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on Zambia and Colombia. In 2014 during the 27th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) BHM contributed to a joint statement of human rights defenders in Honduras. In 2015, BHM participated in preparatory activities for the UPR on Angola and co-organized a side event during the 30th session of the HRC on human rights and its impact on diversity.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

BSOE contributed to the MDGs in four geographical regions: Central America, South America, Africa and Asia. In 2014, it funded 435 projects in the amount of Euro 50.7 million (approximately USD $56 million) in Latin America, 398 projects costing Euro 54.1 million (approximately USD $60 million) in Africa and Near East, and 386 projects totalling to EUR 49.3 million (approximately USD $54 million) in Asia.

5. Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha

General, 2000

Introduction

Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BSAPSS) provides spiritual, social and community services spanning from disaster relief to value-based living programmes in South Asia, North America, Europe, Australia and Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's ethos of selfless service has inspired a host of activities that serve to promote the general well-being and rights of the individual, family and community.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The work of BSAPSS aligns closely to that of the United Nations through initiatives in education, humanitarian aid, health care, environmental, cultural and community development programmes. It carries out a multitude of non-spiritual charitable programs for a wide range of communities regardless of faith to include convening over 5,400 weekly assemblies for children and 850 assemblies for youth, offering leadership and educational seminars and promoting cultural heritage by inaugurating a Sanskrit College to foster in-depth study and research into the language.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

BSAPSS attended the 65th United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) NGO conference held in New York on 27 August 2014. It also regularly partakes in the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

BSAPSS contributed USD $30,000 to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) relief efforts in Nepal and raised over USD $63,000 to support UNICEF's efforts to help child victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

BSAPSS supports MDGs through the following initiatives, among others:

Goal 1: Donated $4,000 to the Hisani Orphan Centre Trust for school fees and uniforms for girls attending secondary school in Tanzania;

Goal 2: Provided 5,000 educational scholarships annually to under-privileged children in India and in the United Kingdom;

Goal 3: Commemorated International Women's Day annually;

Goal 6: Organized over 100 health fairs, including bone marrow and blood drives, and 375 health awareness lectures benefitting over 119,000 participants in the United States and the United Kingdom. BSAPSS also manages nine charitable hospitals and provides mobile medical services to rural areas in India;

Goal 7: Promoted environmental awareness campaigns, and promoted the use of green technologies, solar powered facilities, recycling and tree planting projects. It also launched the "Clean India" initiative in major cities to promote cleanliness and environmental awareness.

6. Canadian Federation of Agriculture

Special, 2000

Introduction

Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) is the country's largest farmers' organization. Through its presence in every province, CFA represents over 200,000 Canadian farmers and families.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CFA seeks to: coordinate efforts of agricultural producer organizations throughout Canada for the purpose of promoting common interest through collective action; promote national agricultural policies through collaborations to meet domestic and international economic conditions; and advance acceptance of positive social, economic and environmental conditions of agricultural pursuits.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2014 and 2015, CFA regularly attended meetings of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) to coordinate non-state actors' input into the HLPF. CFA is a founding member of the World Farmers Organisation and has contributed to policy and position statements at various meetings of the United Nations. In 2015, CFA led the drafting of the Farmers Major Group (FMG) Position Paper on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It regularly communicates with its member organizations on activities related to sustainable development and trade and liaises with farmers by raising awareness of United Nations related endeavours.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It participated in the 18th, 20th and 21st sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) in the framework of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). CFA attended the HLPF on SDGs in New York from 28 June to 8 July 2015, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Stakeholder Forum in Ottawa, Canada on 26 May 2015, and the Rio +20 meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 20 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

7. Canadian Labour Congress

Special, 2000

Introduction

Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) seeks to promote and to advance the economic and social welfare of Canadian workers, including those who are unemployed or retired.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CLC brings together national and international unions, provincial and territorial federations and community-based labour councils to represent 3.3 million workers. It advocates politically for policies and programs to improve the lives of its citizens, such as the creation of secure jobs, better public pension plans and retirement security, a stronger public health care system and affordable and accessible childcare through education programs.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

To support United Nations' processes linked to international trade union structures, CLC organizes a variety of activities and disseminates information to promote: gender equality and the empowerment of women, decent work and sustainable development, anti-racism and human rights, social development and environmental protection, worker and trade union rights, occupational and community health and safety.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CLC actively participated in meetings of the United Nations including the 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) in the framework of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CLC actively contributes to the work of the International Labour Organization (ILO) as a sitting member of its governing body. CLC honours international observance days through statements, activities and dissemination of campaign materials addressing persons with disabilities, human rights, women, elimination of racial discrimination and migration.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CLC worked with trade unions and NGOs in Canada and abroad to support sustainable development, decent work, respect for human rights and gender equality. It supported civil society participation towards the adoption of the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs). Through partnerships with the African regional body of the International Trade Union Conference (ITUC), CLC launched a programme with the Nigerian government towards implementing a national assessment on HIV/AIDS in the workplace. CLC also continued its collaboration with other organizations including Amnesty International and the Canadian Council of International Cooperation to promote the MDGs.

8. Center for Africa Development and Progress

Special, 2012

Introduction

Center for Africa Development and Progress (CADP) is a non-profit research and educational institute dedicated to educate Africans on governance issues and cultivating ideas to revitalize the African continent.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CADP aims to: provide public education on the essentials of progress; serve as a think tank that offers policy proposals through innovative ideas and actions; train and develop leadership and personality qualities as a development pathway to economic, social, political and spiritual progress; and promote African entrepreneurship in order to sustain economic growth and development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CADP supported the work of the United Nations by submitting written statements to various meetings including the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held from 4 to 15 March 2013 and the 52nd meeting of the Commission for Social Development (CSD) held from 11 to 21 February 2014 in New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CADP was represented in the Integration Segment on sustainable urbanization organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) convened in New York from 27 to 29 May 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CADP has supported the education curricula and distributed school supplies to schools in poor areas in Accra with a view to improving education in line with the

MDGs. It also campaigned for peaceful elections and advocated for a transparent national election process during the Ghanaian elections in 2008 and 2012. In partnership with the Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs it organized a sensitization programme in December 2012 during which political party representatives, supporters and civil society representatives from diverse backgrounds assembled to discuss peace during and in the aftermath of the elections in Ghana.

9. Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance Foundation

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance (CEWLA) is a non-governmental organisation founded in 1995 in Egypt.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization is active in promoting women's rights and human rights legislation among grassroots communities, legal bodies and NGOs.

Significant changes in the organization

CEWLA seeks to expand its focus to include the rights of male and female workers and to increase the political participation of women and youth. It has established a specialized advocacy unit that prioritizes women's issues and creates a supportive public opinion for women's issues at the local, regional and international levels.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CEWLA has contributed to three shadow reports of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on the human rights and women's rights situation of Egypt in 2014. It set up an integrated plan to execute the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the grassroots levels and has contributed to drafting a factsheet on the discriminatory laws and violence against women in Egypt in collaboration with the EuroMed Network in 2012. CEWLA has issued the first law draft written by NGOs on protecting witnesses and whistle blowers in the democratic transition process and in combating corruption.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CEWLA has participated and submitted written statements to the 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and has conducted parallel events on politicizing women's rights in conflict, the state's role in representing women and using democracy in defining women's rights. CEWLA also participated in the African regional review of the Beijing Platform of Action (BPFA) held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 17 to 19 November 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As part of the national programme to combat HIV/AIDS, CEWLA undertook capacity-building initiatives to support 56 HIV/AIDS survivors in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has supported the MDGs through the following initiatives:

- Contributed to the strategic plan for the Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM) for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria;
- Raised awareness of 17,450 persons on violence against women and its societal impact;
- Provided social and psychological support to 10,335 women and girls and 12,500 legal consultations through interviews, negotiation sessions and hotline services;
- Empowered 102 women through trainings on life skills and crafts learning;
- Conducted 50 awareness raising seminars to 1,591 people in cooperation with civil society organizations on topics related to sexual and reproductive health and rights; and
- Helped 340 people through programmes to eradicate illiteracy.

10. Center for International Human Rights

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Center for International Human Rights (CIHC) is a university-based organization seeking to advance human rights and the rule of law.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CIHC seeks to achieve its goal though classroom education on rule of law and human rights advocacy in different fora and engages in activities to support the United Nations Charter.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As a member of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), CIHC attended the 6th, 7th and 8th sessions of the Open Working Group (OWG) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Representatives also attended a meeting on the longer-term role of civil society in advancing development organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in New York on 28 April 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In the framework of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, CIHC submitted a report in December 2015 related to alleged violations of individual rights to life, security and remedies in Colombia and Jamaica. In addition to attending the 5th and 6th Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in 2013 and 2015, representatives also attended the following meetings:

- 55th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) hosted by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in New York, 9 to 12 July 2013; and
- 4th Annual Forum on Business and Human Rights convened by the United Nations Global Compact in Geneva, Switzerland, from 16 to 18 November 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2015, CIHC has co-chaired the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) Working Group on Business and Human Rights along with the United Nations Global Compact aiming to integrate corporate social responsibility into the curricula of universities globally.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to all the MDGs in Ethiopia and Mali through projects to: build economic capacity; end female genital mutilation; improve treatment of obstetric emergencies; increase school enrolment for girls; increase exclusive breastfeeding of infants; and increase use of bed nets to combat malaria.

11. Center for Justice and International Law

Special, 1996

Introduction

Founded in 1991, the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) is a non-profit NGO with a mission of defending and promoting human rights in the Americas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CEJIL aims to combat human rights abuses by addressing endemic human rights issues and bringing about positive social change through the use of strategic litigation, advocacy efforts, press and media, knowledge management and capacity-building.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, CEJIL undertook new initiatives that contribute to the work of the United Nations, including the "GQUAL" campaign to promote gender parity in international tribunals and bodies, including the United Nations. CEJIL serves as secretariat of the Americas Network on Nationality and Statelessness (ANNS) which was launched in November 2014 to address the goals outlined in the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Global Action Plan to End Statelessness by 2024 and the Plan of Action of Brazil.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CEJIL has participated in various events organized by the United Nations and contributed to the Universal Period Review (UPR) in Honduras in 2015. In November 2014, it participated in a meeting hosted by the Brazilian ministries of justice and foreign affairs and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Cartagena Declaration. In 2015, CEJIL hosted regional consultations with civil society in collaboration with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and interacted with the Special Rapporteur on the rights to adequate housing.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CEJIL has received financial assistance from United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture to litigate cases involving torture in the Americas and from UNHCR to serve as secretariat of the ANNS working toward the elimination of statelessness worldwide by 2024.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CEJIL has actively supported goals 3 and 5 of the MDGs including advocating for medical measures as it relates to the right to life and personal integrity in El Salvador and the adoption of a national registry of victims of forced sterilization in Peru.

12. Center for Women's Global Leadership

Special, 2000

Introduction

Since 1990, Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) has fostered women's leadership in the area of human rights through international mobilization campaigns and global education endeavours.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CWGL envisions a world in which all people are equal and gender equality is systematically realized by the achievement of human rights for all.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, CWGL served as a NGO advisor to the Inter-Agency Programme Appraisal Committee of the United Nations Trust Fund to end violence against women. It actively promotes human rights, fundamental freedom and the post-2015 Development Agenda by convening symposia and events to promote these topics.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CWGL has actively participated in and submitted statements to a broad range of sessions and side events held by the United Nations and its bodies including meetings of the Human Rights Councils, Commission on the Status of Women and Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. CWGL has also participated in the following meetings held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York:

- Economic and Social Affairs Council (ECOSOC) Development Cooperation Forum, 5 and 6 July 2012;
- Visions and Voices for Human Rights: Integrating Human Rights into the Post-2015 Agenda during the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly, 24 September 2013;
- Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the MDGs for Women and Girls: The Road Ahead, organized by United Nations Women (UN-Women), 4 and 5 December 2013; and
- Empowering Women, Empowering Humanity: Picture It! convened by UN-Women, 26 June 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Between 2012 and 2015, CWGL partnered with United Nations bodies including the UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign managed by UN-Women and served as a panellist and moderated various meetings in related fora. CWGL also serves as the global coordinator of the Post-2015 Women's Coalition and moderated a briefing on the Global Thematic Consultation on Governance and the post-2015 development framework. In 2014, it conducted training on macroeconomic policy and human rights for staff at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva, Switzerland from 19 to 21 May.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

13. Centre for Economic and Leadership Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

Centre for Economic and Leadership Development (CELD) is an NGO with a vision to empower vulnerable groups including youth, children and women. Based in Nigeria, this organization also implements workshops in other parts of Africa, Middle East and Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CELD's mission is to become a leading global platform for youth engagement and gender empowerment. It contributes to the overall development of vulnerable children and youth through education, enhanced capacity-building programmes, poverty eradication projects, international cultural exchanges and development programmes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CELD has contributed to the work of the United Nations by hosting various annual summits featuring leading women from developing countries to galvanise support for gender mainstreaming and to demonstrate the critical role of women in growing economies. It also implements the "Send a child to school" scholarship for indigent secondary school students and offers quarterly and biannual leadership education training.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives regularly attend meetings organized by the United Nations including the regular and special sessions of the General Assembly.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CELD contributed to the development agenda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) by taking active measures to support MDGs 2 and 3. In support of universal primary education, CELD covers the fees of 82 secondary school students as part of its "Send a child to school" campaign in Nigeria, Liberia, Kenya and Ghana. To support gender equality and empowering women, its Partnership for African Women Entrepreneurship Development (PAWED) seeks to consolidate diverse partnerships to bring real time opportunities for women entrepreneurs in Africa.

14. Centre indépendent de recherches et d'iniatives pour le dialogue

Special, 2008

Introduction

Centre indépendant de recherches et d'initiatives pour le dialogue (CIRID) is a Burundian and Swiss non-governmental organization founded in 1996 to help seek political dialogue in Burundi. The organization is represented in West and Central Africa, with an office in Dakar, Senegal.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to create a space for dialogue in Burundi and in Switzerland on human rights, migration, peace, security and sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

In November 2015, CIRID created its Partnerships for Peace, Security and Development programme in collaboration with the Centre d'encadrement et développement des anciens combattants (Training Centre for Development of Ex-Combatants), an organization in special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 2012, CIRID has been regularly organizing parallel sessions on human rights situations in coordination with the Human Rights Council.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

As an organization that promotes the universality of human rights, CIRID takes a particular interest in the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland. Accordingly, it took part in the twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions of the Human Rights Council and the various parallel events convened between 2012 and 2015. CIRID also presented an oral statement on the deterioration of human rights in Burundi as part of the twenty-fourth special session of the Human Rights Council.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

CIRID organized the Beat4Peace festival in Geneva, Switzerland, on 30 October 2014, with the participation of Rencontre africaine pour la défense des droits de l'homme (RADDHO), an organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2015, CIRID chose to focus on the Sustainable Development Goals. From 2012 to 2014 it organized events to address the role of the diaspora in the promotion

of peace and the contribution of civil society to peace, security and stability in the Great Lakes region and the Horn of Africa.

15. CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation

General, 2004

Introduction

CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation (CIVICUS) is a global civil society organization with a mission to strengthen citizen action and civil society throughout the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CIVICUS adopted three strategic priorities for the 2013 to 2017 period: to influence, connect and enable.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2013, CIVICUS launched the following campaigns: Big Development DataShift, Action/2015 and Sustainable Development 2015. In 2014, CIVICUS carried out a scoping exercise to, inter alia, enhance civil society participation through information technologies in the post-2015 development processes. CIVICUS rolled out the Big Development DataShift project in four pilot countries — Argentina, Nepal, Kenya and Tanzania — to increase the coverage of citizen reporting and monitoring progress towards the sustainable development goals. CIVICUS also implemented two consultations engaging over 135 civil society actors in early 2014 which led to the establishment of the Action/2015 campaign seeking to tackle the root causes of inequality, injustice, poverty and climate change and engaging more than 2,200 organisations from 157 countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CIVICUS participates actively in meetings of the Human Rights Council submitting over 54 submissions at the Universal Periodical Reviews (UPR). It convened a number of side events during the Commission on Status of Women to highlight key issues in partnership with national civil society groups and a broad range of thematic and issues. CIVICUS has actively contributed to several sessions of Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Development Cooperation Forum as well as the High Level Political Forum.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Along with the Department of Public Information (DPI), CIVICUS co-organized the 65th Annual United Nations DPI/NGO Conference that took place at the United Nations Headquarters from 27 to 29 August 2014. CIVICUS also served as an organizing partner of the NGO major group in partnership with the

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) during the Rio+20 meeting, High-Level Political Forums, General Assembly Open Working Group on the SDGs and 2030 Agenda negotiations. In late 2013, CIVICUS joined forces with DESA for a two-year project "Sustainable Development 2015" focused on raising awareness and providing opportunities for stakeholder engagement with the United Nations system and supported 12 national partners to develop and implement advocacy plans.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CIVICUS supported the SDGs through media statements on the need to place governance and human rights at the centre of the post-2015 development processes. It carried out national consultations in 14 countries, coordinated global meetings on the MDGs and participated in the United Nations Global Thematic Consultation in the framework of the post-2015 Development Agenda.